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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY MADE AT THE 184TH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, HELD ON 1 APRIL 1997*

1. The Committee has heard a large number of statements expressing the view that the new Diplomatic Parking Programme of the City of New York is contrary to international law. The Committee has also received an opinion of the United Nations Legal Counsel stating that certain provisions of the Programme do not appear to be consistent with international law. The Committee has furthermore heard the concern expressed that more time is needed to study the legal and practical implications of the Programme; a large number of speakers have expressed the view that deferment of the Programme is necessary.

2. As you all know, the Committee has before it a proposal that the General Assembly resume, as a matter of urgency, consideration of its agenda item on the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country in order to examine such questions. That proposal has received a great deal of support from the United Nations membership.

3. The Committee takes note of the host country's assurances that it will review the aspects of the Programme that cause concern. The Committee will take a decision on 10 April 1997 on the proposal for the resumption by the General Assembly of its consideration of the item unless the concerns referred to have been satisfactorily addressed by the host country.

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* Approved by and circulated at the request of the Committee.

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